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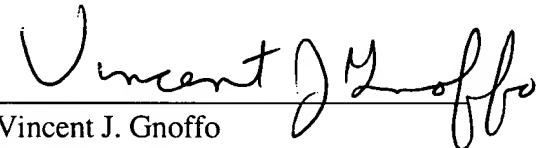
Sir:

Please issue a Certificate of Correction for the above-identified patent to correct the errors listed on the accompanying PTO Form 1050. This request is being made pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 254 and 35 U.S.C. § 255, since the errors comprise minor or typographical errors by the applicants or the PTO.

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Respectfully submitted,

  
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It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

Title page.

Item [56], **References Cited, OTHER PUBLICATIONS**, "Minutes of the 7th Meeting, Distribution Committee," reference, delete "IEE," and substitute -- *EEI*, -- in its place.

Column 16.

Line 15, delete "being" and substitute -- is -- in its place.  
Line 23, after "comprises" delete "of" and substitute -- a -- in its place.  
Line 32, delete "towing" and substitute -- flowing -- in its place.  
Line 40, delete "I/O,device" and substitute -- I/O device -- in its place.

Column 17.

Line 8, delete "claim 18," and substitute -- claim 19, -- in its place.  
Line 66, delete "communications-packet" and substitute -- communications packet -- in its place.

Column 18,

Line 61, delete "comprises." and substitute -- comprises a cover. -- in its place.

Column 20,

Line 44, immediately after "processor" insert -- ; -- (semicolon).

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On the Title Page - other Publications

On page 3, column 2, line 11, delete "IEE," and substitute --EEI-- in its place *C*

In the Claims

*Col. 16* *15*  
In claim 3, line 8, delete "being" and substitute --is-- in its place.

*23*  
In claim 6, line 7, after "comprises" delete "of" and substitute --a-- in its place.

*32*  
In claim 9, line 3, delete "towing" and substitute --flowing-- in its place.

*40*  
In claim 10, line 7, delete "I/O,device" and substitute --I/O device-- in its place.

*Col. 17* *8*  
In claim 20, line 1, delete "claim 18," and substitute --claim 19-- in its place.

*66*  
In claim 33, line 7, delete "communications-packet" and substitute --communications packet-- in its place.

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In the Claims (cont'd)Col. 18 61

In claim 47, line 2, delete "comprises." and substitute --comprises a cover.-- in its place.

Col. 20 44

In claim 65, line 9, immediately after "processor" insert --;-- (semicolon).

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